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In re Application of: Sevastian, Nick
Serial No. 09/616,746
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For: Lens

Examiner: Duverne, J.
Group Art Unit: 2839

AMENDMENT

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Dear Examiner Duverne:

This amendment is responsive to the office action mailed 7/3/02. Applicant appreciates the allowable subject matter identified in the office action. Please enter the following amendments in the subject case. Clean and redline sheets reflecting the following are included with this amendment.

Extension of Time

Applicant hereby requests an extension of time for response within the first month under Rule 1.17(a)(1). The fee for this extension ($110) should be deducted from the Applicant's deposit account.

Telephone Interview.

Applicant's attorney spoke with the Examiner by phone on September 10, 2002 with the following questions.

1. It appears that certain limitations in claims 9 and 13 were not addressed in the office action. How best to proceed? The Examiner instructed Applicant's attorney to respond to the office action as written and to identify those elements and areas were Applicant's attorney believed the action was not complete.
2. Is the "Sankle" reference in paragraph 4 part of the 103 rejection? The Examiner stated that the "Sankle" reference is not part of the 103 rejection. The Examiner instructed that any reference to "Sankle" in the rejection should be changed to Bibbiani. The only reference applicable to the rejection is Bibbiani.

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